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STRONG MEN OF FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN: GENERAL JOFFRE ACKNOWLEDGES THE CHEERS OF THE CROWD ON LEAVING THE WAR OFFICE WITH LORD KITCHENER, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO LONDON.

General Joffre received a very enthusiastic welcome from Londoners who were lucky enough to see him during his recent visit, which was quite unexpected by the general public. He arrived in London on the morning of Friday, October 29, and went at once to the War Office, which he left at 1.30 with Lord Kitchener. As they came down the steps hearty cheers were raised, which General Joffre acknowledged by a salute, repeating it just before entering the car. He and Lord Kitchener then drove to the French Embassy, where they lunched with the French Ambassador. In the afternoon General Joffre conferred with Ministers at No. 10, Downing Street, and after another visit to the War Office, dined with Lord Kitchener at York House. The next day he again visited Lord Kitchener at the War Office. He was also received by the Queen at Buckingham Palace and by Queen Alexandra at Marlborough House. In the afternoon he left Victoria by special train.

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BABYLON.

BABYLON the Great has fallen—how low, the second chapter of Professor L. W. King's new volume, "A History of Babylon from the Foundation of the Monarchy to the Persian Conquest" (Chatto and Windus), the second in his series of histories, tells us. Except for one of the city gates and the shattered throne-room of Nebuchadnezzar II., there is scarcely anything of its buildings left but substructures and ground plans. Not only the stones, but even the burnt bricks have been carried away, and most of what remains consists in the mud-brick cores of walls and platforms, so changed by damp and salts as to be hardly distinguishable from their mother earth. Worse than this, the dimensions of the city have shrunk woefully under the archæological searchlight. The fifty-three miles of city-wall imagined by Herodotus, and the more modest forty of Ctesias, turn out to be really little more than eleven—somewhat less than the circuit of Stambul; and the world-famous "Hanging Gardens," it is maintained, were nothing more than a small oblong terrace raised on low vaulting, which was almost entirely below ground level. Professor King demurs to this identification of Koldewey's; but he has no alternative to propose.

The book before us, therefore, has had to depend far less than its author probably hoped at one time on evidence recovered from Babylon itself. It is no fault of the German excavators who have been at work on the site for close on twenty years. Sennacherib destroyed much of the pre-existing city, and the rise of the water-level of the Euphrates has made most of what he spared inaccessible except with the aid of very powerful pumping plant. The later city, that due in the main to the "Neo-Babylonians," Nabopolassar and his successors, has been a quarry for nearly two thousand years. And the sad result is that, in spite of the colossal labours of Koldewey and his assistants which Professor King describes, and the lavish expenditure of German money, we have still to go to other sites and sources for most of the fragmentary knowledge which can be gleaned about Babylonian history. It is only necessary to turn the pages of his volume to see that the sources are still mainly extraneous. Excavations on other South Mesopotamian sites and at Susa in Elam are responsible for most of the evidence about even the First Babylonian Dynasty. If it were not for the transportation to Susa of the *stela* engraved with the famous Code, how much should we know now of Hammurabi and the society of his realm? And of later dynasties, too, the same must be said. Our history of the Kassites is still derived chiefly from the archives found at Tel-el-Amarna in Egypt and at Boghaz Keui in Cappadocia. Almost all we know of the dynasties next in order has been learned from Assyrian monuments. Even when we reach the Neo-Babylonians, their political achievements are hardly noted on any document found at Babylon, but must be gathered from Hebrew and Greek literature.

Since Babylon and even Babylonia give so little help, Babylonian history remains a fragmentary record. If the Primitive Age, with which Professor King has dealt already in his "Sumer and Akkad"—an age during which Babylon itself existed only in embryo, and was never dominant in Babylonia—be left out of account, the periods adequately documented are three, one divided from another by long intervals of obscurity. First, the latter part of the First Dynasty, age in the end of the third millennium B.C., and the opening of the second. Next, the middle of the Kassite Age, the fourteenth and thirteenth centuries. Finally, after an ill-filled gap of some four hundred years, comes the period of the Middle and Late Assyrian kingdoms, followed by the Neo-Babylonian and Persian kingdoms. Professor King, commanding all the latest evidence, wherever discovered and by whomsoever discussed, adds notable facts to our knowledge of all these periods, and makes many luminous suggestions—*e.g.*, on a possible connection between the Kassites and the Aryan rulers of Mitanni, and generally on the rôle played by the last-named State in Mesopotamia. The three Khana tablets are new light to the present writer, at any rate! One may be allowed to thank the Professor also for summing up so clearly and readably the unusually full and complicated evidence for the social conditions of Hammurabi's time. But his greatest contribution is, perhaps, to the history of the darker periods. The elaborate discussion of the early chronology in Chapter III., and the light thrown in Chapter IV. on the origin and character of the Western Semitic element in the First Dynasty folk, strike us as peculiarly valuable. Some facts observed during the recent and now interrupted exploration of Carchemish, but not yet published, bear on the latter problem. Our author deals acutely with the Hittite questions, so far as they affect Babylonian history; but he has wisely refrained from committing himself about the dates of Hittite monuments, except by one remark in which he implies belief both in the great antiquity of the hieroglyphic script and its restriction after the rise of the Cappadocian Empire to purely monumental use. We doubt the soundness of either belief, and could adduce unpublished monumental evidence against each. But Professor King could, of course, go only on the facts available.

We have only one little grumble to emit—about the material and form of the volume, its thick heavy paper, its over-wide margins, and general aim at sumptuous appearance. It may be only a stupid prejudice, but should books so sound, serious, and scientific as Professor King's be thus produced? They look, to our first jaundiced glance, so different from what we find later that they are!

D. G. HOGARTH.

ATTILA AND THE HUNS.

IN his writings, Mr. Edward Hutton contrives to hold a balance between journalism and scholarship, to the prejudice of neither. There is a touch of journalistic understanding in the choice of a title for his new book, "Attila and the Huns" (Constable), for it carries with it a world of curiosity and timely suggestion. But the method of the book is no loose flinging together of facts about the Huns to tickle the ears of indolent readers who daily take the word "Hun" upon their lips—without, perhaps, any very clear idea of who the Huns, as distinct from their modern namesakes, were. Here in this essay Mr. Hutton has told the story in brief, with excellent completeness and just that sense of romance which the higher kind of "popular" history should not miss. He does not go out of his way to draw historical parallels—in fact, he declines at least one tempting opportunity to do so—but the whole work is a brilliant study in the repetition of history. Through every page runs this thread, and there are endless suggestions, if proof is impossible, that we are to-day fighting the actual descendants of Attila's hordes. Most acute are some of the notes, such as those which connect the Prussian student's duel-scarred face with that custom of the Huns which led them to make "deep incisions in the cheeks of their boys." Thus Ammianus Marcellinus, who goes on to liken the Hun physiognomy and physique to the figures hewn out in a rude manner with an axe on the posts at the end of bridges. It was inevitable that Mr. Hutton should here remind us of Hindenburg, "who really seems to have been hewn out of wood." Possibly this note was in type before the notorious statue set the faithful of Berlin driving nails into their idol. Possibly, or Mr. Hutton would hardly have omitted to mention the fearful significance of that rite in connection with the popular superstition of sticking pins into an enemy to his undoing. It is only another example of that idiot seriousness which has blinded Germany to all sense of humour. But humour is the prerogative of humanity. We need not marvel. In nine admirable chapters Mr. Hutton outlines Attila's attempt, in 450 A.D., to destroy civilisation. He struck his first blow at Singidunum, the modern Belgrade, just as the Kaiser struck precisely there at Serbia a year ago. The Hunnish incursion presents other extraordinary parallels. Aëtius could not make up his mind where the real attack of Attila upon the Empire was to be delivered. On Gaul or on Lombardy? In the same way we have seen Alsace held in strength while Belgium was destroyed. Aëtius and Joffre alike, in Mr. Hutton's opinion, failed to understand the force which opposed them, and which it was to be their business and their glory to meet and break. They could not believe that the enemy would destroy his whole case by an outrage on the moral consciousness of the world. This initial uncertainty cost the West dear in both epochs; but the Huns of Attila only presaged the fate of their conscious modern imitators. Mr. Hutton invests the story of Chalons, the battle of the Catalaunian plains, with the right touch of drama, and even of mystery; and shows how Attila's "frightfulness" was checked, if not destroyed. But the West was saved, and the Arch-Hun retired to attack Italy, retreat again, and perish, perhaps by his forced bride Ildico's dagger. The Latin authorities are quoted in full, and make good reading. We neglect these later writers too much, and forget their charm. On only one point does Mr. Hutton challenge censure. When he deals with Church legends he ceases to be a critical historian.

AT THE BOOKSELLERS'.

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SAUNTERS AMONG BOOKS.

BY RICHARD KING.

MOST people do not recognise a heroine unless she stands in the middle of a ray of limelight. A heroine sitting quietly by herself in a corner—who ever heard of her? The world requires a miraculous shaft of limelight and an accompaniment of slow music before it realises that someone superhumanly brave and virtuous and heroic is standing in its midst. Well, perhaps it really is rather difficult to see heroism in a charwoman—charing. It is more convenient to call her act of courage "duty," leaving it unapplauded at that. There is nothing heroic in doing one's duty. It does not require a crowd of admirers and a medal. It just has to be lived through—like Monday morning. Nobody feels the spiritual faith to remove mountains on Monday morning. It is just a drabness, a dulness, a dead-level to be lived through somehow. So the quiet heroism of the *everyday* goes unheralded, unknown. And yet it is far more difficult to achieve than the sudden act of immense courage which gets interviewed and photographed and rewarded. The one is a moment of inspiration; the other is a weary struggle against loneliness and poverty and tears. I know not if there be a heaven, but this I do know—there *ought* to be one, if only for those who have fought through the long years with cheeriness and courage and optimism. God knows they have had small reward here on earth—except the chilly reward of a duty done—but to them the unwritten history of drab humanity owes some of its finest pages of heroism.

"All scum in a boiling pot rises to the top and makes itself seen, concealing the pure liquid beneath, until it is skimmed off," writes Elinor Glyn in her new book, "Three Things" (Duckworth). It has been said before in a variety of ways, and people have cried, "How true! How *very true*!"—straightway living their lives as if they disbelieved it. But occasionally—very, very occasionally—we do catch glimpses of this pure liquid concealed beneath the scum, and these glimpses happen in the queerest, darkest, and most unlikely places. "The Queen's Net" (Hodder and Stoughton), written by Harold Begbie for the Queen's Work for Women Fund, describes some of them. Heaven alone knows how many of the wondrous army of Poor Brave Souls have been saved by this most practical and noble work! The Queen's "net" has not landed those "fish"—and they exist in their thousands in peace times—who, as it were, live in expectant readiness to be caught in the meshes of any charity under royal patronage. It has caught those poor women who would sooner starve than beg; who, behind the lace curtains of their little houses, have eaten out their hearts in loneliness and disappointment and poverty. In peace-time so many thousands of these poor workers lived so bravely—one might also say so "genteelly"—within nodding distance of the workhouse. It is, metaphorically speaking, so easy to look like a lady behind a lace curtain. They worked and kept themselves to themselves, clinging fondly to their remnants of "better days," secretly thankful for the fact that, though they had to cook their own dinner in a chating-dish, nobody suspected, nobody saw them doing it. Then came the war. And war ripped away the pretty lace curtains from these lonely little homes, leaving their occupants exposed to all the shame of prying eyes and the horrors of starvation. But the Queen's Work for Women Fund saved these Poor Brave Souls from the final ignominy of a cruel fate. It helped to pin up the pretty lace curtains again in these poor little homes, and brought back courage and hope and a pale wintry glow of happiness into thousands of poor, terrified hearts. Mr. Begbie has collected a few of the life-stories of these poor workers whom the Fund has saved. His stories are pitiful stories of brave women fighting against great odds; but, though piteous and always sad, they yet are tales of wonderful courage and faith and hope, beauty too, and that heroic optimism which still persists bravely, even among human wreckage.

And, but for the very apparent manipulation of Fate by the author, Kathleen Norris, Julia, the heroine of "The Story of Julia Page" (Murray), might easily have become one of Mr. Begbie's foulon derelicts. She was brought up upon the pleasing and easy ideal that a girl has only to wear a smart hat, show her teeth, powder her nose, and cry "Well, fancy that!" prettily enough, and Man and Matrimony will eventually land her on the Island of Soft Cushions and Caviare.

But Kathleen Norris, in the rôle of destiny, was kind. She has not a story to tell, so much as a series of interesting problems to propound. Consequently, Julia is thrown into the pit and dragged out of it again whenever occasion requires. We meet her at the beginning, a silly, giggling, badly-brought-up flapper. But one day she hears the truth about her own "bad form" from the lips of a set of rich young people whom she wished to impress. Her reformation is sudden and unexpected. She almost at once becomes a grave, smiling, modest young person, giving up her life to the betterment of her less fortunate sisters. You see, Miss Norris wished to show how a girl *can* turn to better things, while incidentally allowing a writer to describe some American social problems. But when Julia finds the man she loves, who loves her, and the story seems likely to come to an end, we, and her lover, suddenly discover that she committed an "indiscretion" in her giggling days. Henceforth the problem is whether she should have told her husband of it, and whether he should rightly have gone and left her when she did. It is, however, settled happily—after many pages—and a very interesting but badly constructed story comes to an end. When an author is out to discuss a variety of problems it is extremely difficult to connect them by a love-story. The problems get in the way of the tale, and the tale gets in the way of the problems—often most unhappily. It is better to do as Elinor Glyn has done in "Three Things"—discuss the subjects she wants to discuss in a series of essays. She may not have much that is new to say upon such problems as Common Sense, Marriage and After, Divorce, and Motherhood, but she says it tersely and doesn't muddle them up with romance—romance panting hard after the problems. So we get a very readable little volume of these luncheon-party opinions which have not yet been aired so often as to be mistaken for platitudes.

By G. K. CHESTERTON.

A DANGER has recently developed for which some of us have been watching for some time. I take here the opportunity of adverting to it, and the circumstances which make it a grave one. The ruling minds of Prussia know by this time, quite as well as the ruling minds in the Great Alliance, that Prussia cannot now be saved by Bulgaria. If she could, she might very well think such a rescue worse than ruin. It would certainly be an amusing ending to the world-epic of the great Teuton, if he were saved in a damaged condition by a small Slav. The whole business began with the anger of Berlin when three of the Balkan Princes were strong enough to defeat the Turkish Empire. It would be funny, and far from soothing to the anger of Berlin, if the whole business ended by one of the Balkan Princes being strong enough to rescue the German Empire. But such a conclusion is far too entertaining to be true. In seeking this diversion in the Balkans, the German Government is not so silly as to suppose that France, Russia, and Britain, all unconquered and increasing in power, can be destroyed by King Ferdinand and his rather reluctant subjects. The German Government does not hope that the disturbance will procure a permanent victory. But the German Government does hope that it will procure a temporary peace. And it is exactly at this moment that some influential people in this country have, largely unconsciously, begun to work in the same direction.

The situation can be summed up with as much certainty as simplicity. A year ago Prussia wanted war because she wanted domination. To-day Prussia wants peace because she wants domination. If the reader will merely put himself for an instant in the position of a Prussian to-day, he will see that peace, and nothing but peace, is now his last hope of ultimate triumph: the one road left open to his original imperial goal. Peace, if he can get it at once, is for the Prussian a purely military manœuvre, like retreat. The evacuation of Belgium, even, might be as much a part of his plan as was the invasion of Belgium. Peace, at this moment, simply means that he will fall back on his own fortifications on the Rhine, exactly as he fell back on his own fortifications on the Aisne. We should await his counter-attack.

Some considerable time ago I noted on this page that Mr. Charles Buxton had entered a well-meaning but ill-considered plea, urging us to be content with a partial, or rather a negative, success. He has revived it in a letter to the *Daily Chronicle*. He does not, indeed, expressly advise the arrangement which he thinks that Germany would accept, but he speaks of it hopefully, as if it were a kind of good news; and he contrasts it with the tone of the Pessimist Press, for which he expresses a very just contempt. But I confess that if I thought our utmost efforts could achieve nothing but the peace there sketched out, I should be fairly pessimistic myself. For the peace there sketched out is simply the very nearest to a Prussian triumph that even Prussia can for the moment expect. At the same time, a number of respectable names, such as those of Dr. Horton and Mr. J. A. Hobson, are found in support of some such patchwork arrangement. The question of an inconclusive peace, which shall leave an unrepentant Prussia at the head of an undefeated German race, is now for the first time seriously brought before us. I would ask the reader to regard it in the light of the following considerations.

We must first dismiss from our minds altogether a very current notion of making a treaty with the men of Germany. We might as well talk about making a treaty with the horses of Germany. We are dealing with the ambitious and audacious Prussian Monarchy, which has pursued one policy for two centuries. Why the large, blond, bulky, handsome cart-horse of Germany allows itself to be ridden by this beggar on horseback—or rather, burglar on horseback—we do not know. But we do know that its subordination is subordination and nothing else: that it is no case of one nation being deputed to represent a race. We do know, for a fact, that Germany no more dreams of directing Prussia than a horse rides on a man. It is not merely that the King of Prussia does not definitely claim to represent the Germans. The King of Prussia definitely refused to represent the Germans. And he refused upon the positive ground that he did not want to represent them because he did want to rule them. Some time before 1870 the Germans as such, still free and sitting in council, actually offered the imperial crown to a Hohenzollern; and the Hohenzollern refused it, wholly and solely because it had been freely offered. The Hohenzollerns would only consent to rule Saxony and Bavaria as directly and despotically as they have ruled Poland and Alsace. And they do. The next fact is that the nearest approach we can make to guessing at the ground of the general German obedience is this: The Germans believe that the Prussians, who have conquered them, can conquer anybody. They have no fear of external danger for the same reason that they have no hope of internal revolt. We cannot rescue the German from the Prussian until we can rescue him from the fear of the Prussian. In other words, we are at war with a legend—or, to put it even more correctly, a spell. Now, it is characteristic of all such spells that they cling on as long as there is any sort of doubt; and half-defeats of them are no defeats at all. If we made peace in the manner now proposed, even our victory would be considered as a passing cloud, like Jena, to be followed by fated victories like Leipzig. The Prussian would remain a superman—that is, a superstition. With such superstitions, if we honestly think them evil and intolerable, there is only one thing that we can do. We must do the impossible. We must quench the unquenchable lamp, kill the immortal man, speak the unspeakable word, and conquer the unconquerable army. Prussia rules with a rod of iron because it is also a magic wand; and the only way to break the spell is to break the rod. I would not approve such final profanation in the temple of any god but a devil; but I think that the Prussian superman, with his higher morality, is a devil. I thought so when it was the almost universal English custom to praise him. Events since have not decreased the number of those who agree with me.

The third fact to be firmly grasped also refers to the original Prussian plan. The Prussian holds himself, and is held by the German, superior to the whole world. What we call his crimes he calls his "culture-conquests." We do not do as he does because we are not pure enough to break promises, or heroic enough to shoot women. Being ignorant of religion, he regards Russia as barbaric. Being ignorant of civilisation, he regards France as decadent. There is no exception to his ignorance and disdain; but there is one half-exception. To France and Russia he regards himself as heir by default: there is only one country to which he really condescended to be heir by conquest. The recipient of his clumsy compliment, I am ashamed to say, was England. It is difficult for us who are dealing with realities, and struggling with the muddle and snobbery of our own system, to understand how this could be so; but it was. It was part of his whole lumbering Teutonic theory. England was the country which really disputed the world with him. England is the country he will hate and hit, if he is allowed to rally and return to the attack. And he will not rest till she is dead.

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THE KING'S VISIT TO FRANCE: HIS MAJESTY AND THE PRINCE OF WALES GREETED BY PRESIDENT POINCARE AND GENERAL JOFFRE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE KING'S ACCIDENT.

His Majesty arrived in France on October 21, and after spending a few days in visiting various base depôts and hospitals, he went on and met President Poincaré, who conferred on the Prince of Wales the Croix de Guerre. The next day (October 26) the King and the Prince again met the President, who was this time accompanied by General Joffre; and together they reviewed the French Second Colonial Corps near Amiens. In the centre of the photograph General Joffre is seen shaking hands with the Prince of Wales. Between and beyond them is M. Poincaré, talking to his Majesty.

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THE KING WITH HIS SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT:

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

THE KING INSPECTING TROOPS OF THE SECOND CORPS: A COLUMN (WITH "EYES RIGHT") MARCHING PAST HIS MAJESTY AT THE

LEADERS OF OVERSEA TROOPS FACE TO FACE WITH THEIR KING: HIS MAJESTY SPEAKING TO CANADIAN GENERAL OFFICERS.

AT THE REVIEW

The King returned to London from the front on November 1 not seriously the worse, fortunately, for the accident that might have had grave consequences. The bulletin issued in the evening stated that, "although much fatigued by the journey, his Majesty's condition is satisfactory"; and that issued the next day said: "The improvement in the condition of the King continues, and his Majesty has had a better night." Elsewhere in this Number is a double-page of photographs illustrating mainly the King's visit to the French armies, and his meetings with President Poincaré and General Joffre, together with a short general account of his doings at the front. Here we give photographs showing his Majesty with his own soldiers, for whom his presence among them was so highly appreciated. After the French review near Amiens on October 26, the King that afternoon visited several batteries of British artillery, and even an

HIS MAJESTY IN THE FIELD—BEFORE HIS ACCIDENT.

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SALUTING-POINT.

THE KING'S CAR APPROACHES: HIS MAJESTY MOTORING ALONG A ROAD LINED ON EITHER SIDE WITH CHEERING TROOPS.

OF CANADIANS: A HIGHLAND PIPERS' BAND PASSING THE KING (ON HORSEBACK UNDER THE TREES IN THE BACKGROUND).

observation-post, under actual war-conditions. The next day was spent with the Second Army, and two reviews were held; one, in the morning, of some newly arrived units of the Canadian Corps; and the other, in the afternoon, of a mixed brigade consisting of detachments from other divisions of the Second Army. The review took place in a great meadow, along two sides of which ran a poplar-lined road. Grouped near the saluting-point were the divisional Generals and Brigadiers, and with his Majesty were the Prince of Wales and General Plumer. Many of the men who marched past had only left the trenches overnight, but, nevertheless, their march discipline was remarkably fine, and the spacing and alignment were as precise as on a parade ground. After the march past the men doubled out of the meadow and lined the road along which the King was to drive. His car passed between a lane of troops cheering and waving their caps.

THE BURNING OF A VILLAGE: STAGES OF THE DESTRUCTION.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ILLUSTRATIONS BUREAU.

THE FIRST STAGE: THE BURSTING OF THE FIRST RANGE-FINDING SHELL, AIMED TOWARDS THE VILLAGE CHURCH, THE CHIEF LAND-MARK.

THE SECOND STAGE: THE RANGE HAVING BEEN ASCERTAINED, INCENDIARY PROJECTILES BEGIN TO DROP ON THE VILLAGE IN MANY PLACES.

THE THIRD STAGE: THE INCENDIARY BOMBS ARE DOING THEIR WORK, AND THE HOUSES ARE BEING SET ON FIRE EVERYWHERE.

THE FOURTH STAGE: THE SPREADING OF THE FLAMES FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE RENDERS THE WHOLE PLACE UNTENABLE AND THE SCARED INHABITANTS FLEE.

THE FIFTH STAGE: THE END HAS COME—THE DOOMED VILLAGE IN RUINS, A MASS OF RAGING FLAMES AND ROLLING SMOKE FROM END TO END.

The destruction of peaceful villages is one of the saddest and most appealing of the grim spectacles of war. It is often a necessary military operation for one side or the other, and usually falls to the artillery to perform, the object being to deprive opponents of cover, or to search out from a distance a suspicious neighbourhood. Our illustrations show the stages of the bombardment as they usually take place. First in this case, as in many, unfortunately—the village church, as being the most prominent land-mark, is picked out by the assailants' artillery to get the range, and shells are aimed at it as a preliminary, and burst near by. The trial shots successful, the guns open fire generally, directing incendiary shells, first, on the larger dwellings towards the side from which the wind is blowing, to make the fire spread quickly. Shells then rain on the ill-fated place like hail, plumped down everywhere, crashing through the roofs of the houses and before long setting the whole village ablaze from end to end. We see above the whole process as it develops, and as the watching gunners mark the attainment of their object; while the wretched inhabitants, panic-stricken, have to make their escape as best they can manage, carrying away on their horses and carts or on their own shoulders what little of their home belongings there is time to save.

TSAR AND TSAREVITCH AT THE FRONT: AMONG THE COSSACKS

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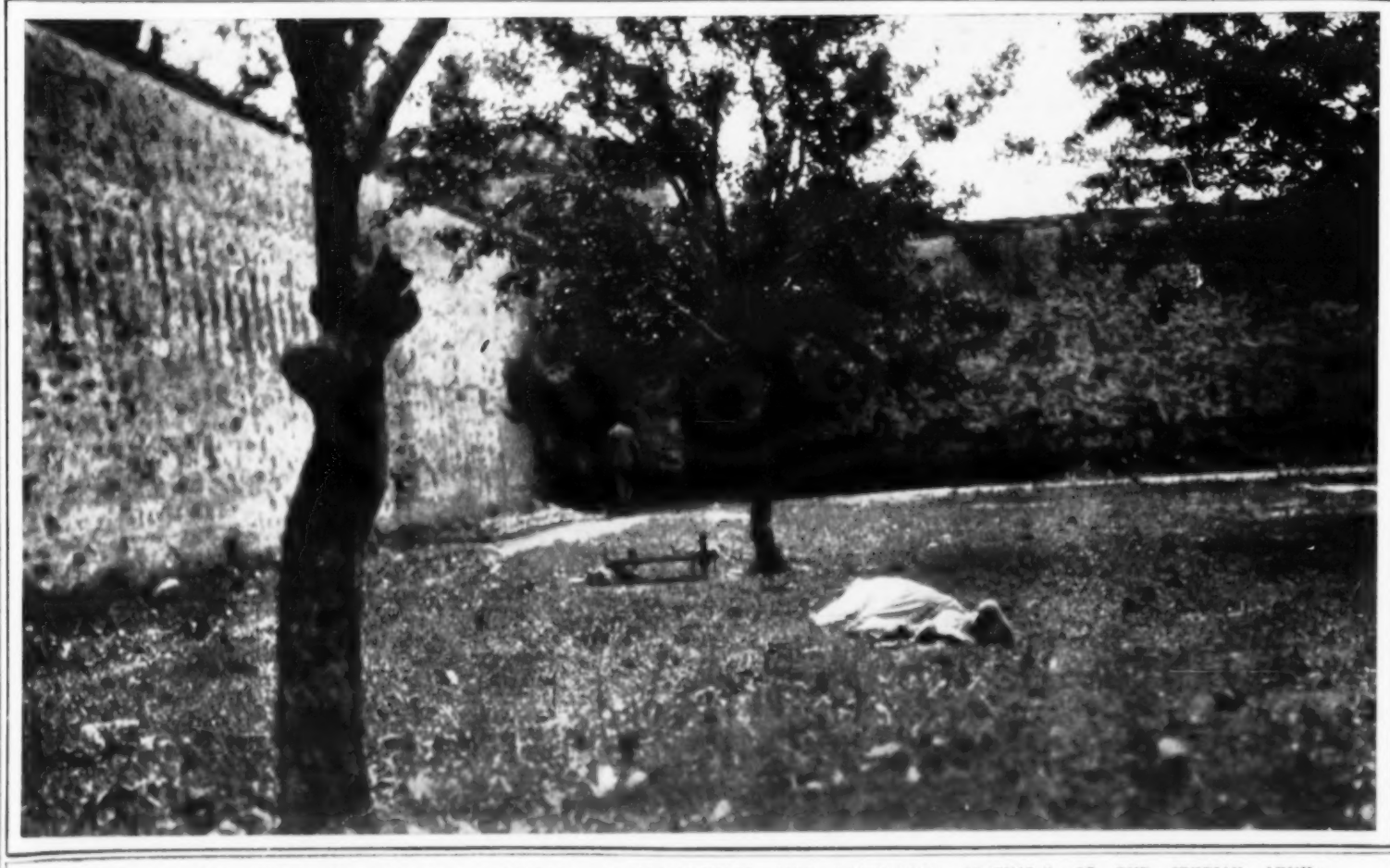
UNDER THE EYE OF THEIR "LITTLE FATHER" AND THEIR HETMAN: COSSACKS FROM THE CAUCASUS REVIEWED BY THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA AND THE TSAREVITCH.

THE HEAD OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AT A FIELD SERVICE: THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA AND HIS SON ATTEND A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY HELD IN A WOOD.

The Emperor of Russia's public announcements on assuming command of his land and sea forces showed the deep religious and patriotic spirit which animates him. "My duty to my country," he wrote to the Grand Duke Nicholas, "which has been entrusted to me by God, impels me to-day to take the supreme command of the active forces and to share with my Army the fatigues of war." His Majesty is no stranger to military life. He once entered a regiment of riflemen as "Private Nicholas Romanoff," and went through all the duties of a common soldier. In the present war he lives a life of hard work and simple habits at Headquarters, and goes about among his men without formality. He occupies a small house, is a very early riser, and devotes himself assiduously to his duties. Accompanied by his son, the young Tsarevitch, now quite restored to health, the Emperor recently went to the Southern front, and was welcomed by the troops with indescribable enthusiasm. Apropos of these photographs, it may be recalled that the Emperor is Head of the Orthodox Church, and is familiarly known as the "Little Father" of his people; while the Tsarevitch holds the title of Hetman of all the Cossacks.

AT SALONIKA AND KRAJUGEVATZ: THE "SERBIAN ZONE"; AND A SPY.

THE "SERBIAN ZONE" AT SALONIKA: WHERE THE ALLIED TROOPS TO HELP SERBIA WERE SET ASHORE—SHOWING THE QUAY AND STRIP OF ADJOINING LAND OWNED BY SERBIA UNDER TREATY.



AN ENEMY SPY WHOM THE SERBIANS CAPTURED AT KRAJUGEVATZ, THE "WOOLWICH ARSENAL" OF THE SERBIAN ARMY: AFTER THE FIRING-PARTY HAD DONE ITS DUTY.

The quay at Salonika at which the French and British contingents to form the army of succour to Serbia have been making their landings is the national property of Serbia by treaty, as is an area of ground adjacent to the quay shown in the upper photograph, and known as the "Serbian zone." The Serbian zone has been utilised hitherto for commercial warehouses and offices, owned by Belgrade and other Serbian firms, and for depositing the cargoes of shipping until opportunity came for their being laden on the railway to Uskub and Nish. Since the first of the Allied transports arrived, early in October, all on reaching Salonika have put the troops, with their stores, artillery, and ammunition, ashore at the quay, whence the troops and guns marched a short distance to the camps provided for them in the neighbourhood.——The well-deserved death by shooting of an Austro-German spy caught, it would appear *in flagrante delicto*, by the Serbians at the Arsenal of Krajugevatz, and summarily tried and executed near the place of his capture, is recorded in the second illustration. At Krajugevatz, a town with 19,000 inhabitants, nearly midway between Belgrade and Nish, and some sixty or seventy miles from either place, the Serbian Army has had its war-arsenal and munitions factories. A late telegram states that the Germans have occupied Krajugevatz.

BATHING LUXURIES AT THE FRONT! A FRENCH SOLDIER'S DOUCHE.

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AS INGENIOUSLY CONTRIVED AS ONE OF THE CARICATURE MACHINES IN HEATH ROBINSON'S DRAWINGS! A SHOWER-BATH FOR FRENCH SOLDIERS WORKED BY A WATER-WHEEL IN A LITTLE STREAM NEAR THE FIRING-LINE.

We have on several occasions illustrated the bathing facilities provided for soldiers at the front both by the French and British Armies and the German Army. Nothing hitherto has been shown, however, quite so ingenious and intriguing as this improvised shower-bath for French soldiers, which suggests, in appearance, one of those fearful and wonderful pieces of imaginary mechanism which Mr. Heath Robinson has made familiar in many of his well-known comic cartoons in the "Sketch." The principle on which the shower-bath works is simple and obvious. The stream turns the water-wheel, and the latter causes the larger wheel behind to revolve, by means of an endless cord. To the perimeter of the larger wheel are attached a number of cups, which, as it revolves, are dipped into the stream and filled with water. As they come round to the top of the wheel again, they are tilted against a bucket, into which they empty their contents. From the bucket the water is led by a pipe to the rose above the bather's head.

"PRECURSORS OF A LARGE FORCE": BRITISH TROOPS AT SALONIKA.

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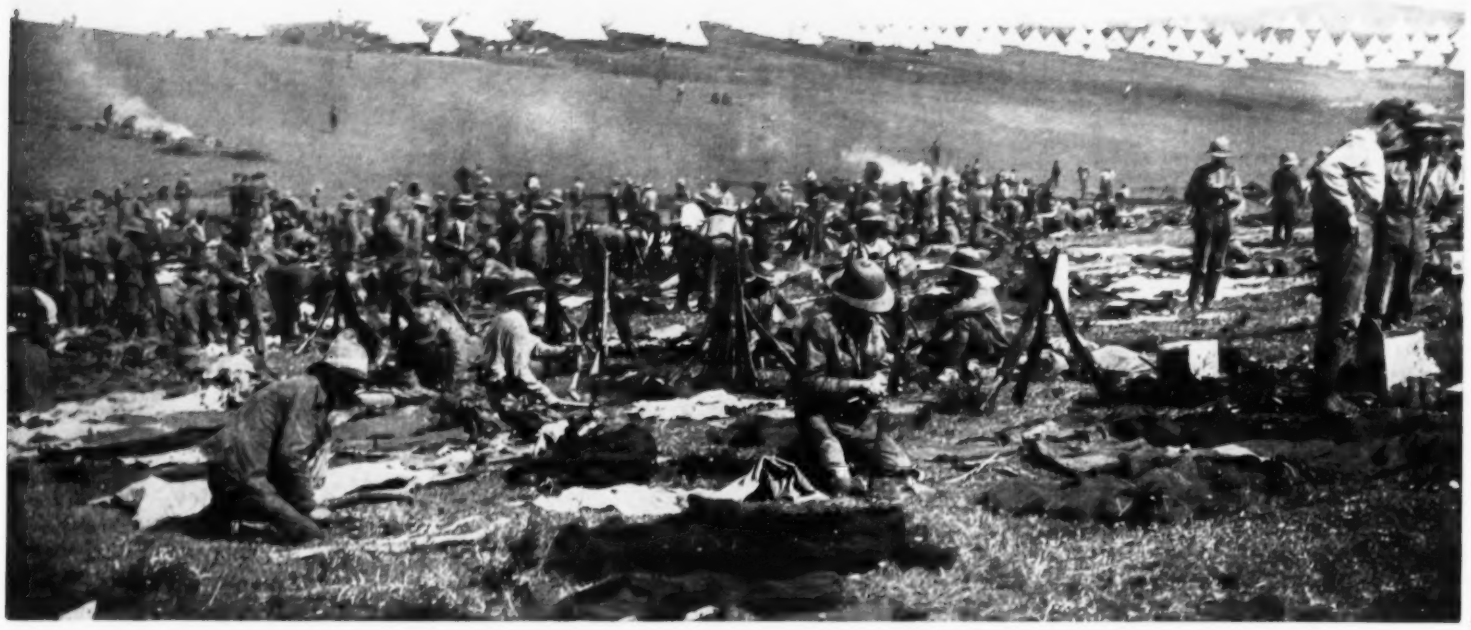

AFTER THEIR FOUR-MILE MARCH FROM THE "SERBIAN ZONE" LANDING-PLACE AT SALONIKA TO CAMP: THE BRITISH FORCE RESTING ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT LEMBED.

LAYING OUT THEIR CAMP AT LEMBED: BRITISH SOLDIERS MAKING A PATHWAY IN ANTICIPATION OF WET WEATHER, AFTER LANDING AT SALONIKA.

Immediately after the landing at Salonika, which took place at a section of the quay reserved by treaty exclusively for the use of Serbia, and known as "the Serbian zone," the British and French troops marched off to the camps prepared for them respectively at Lembed and Zeitinlik, a distance of some four miles from the port. Many comments were made on the fine bearing and equipment of the troops. An interesting statement about the expedition to Salonika was made the other day by Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords. "Serbia," he said, "made a direct appeal to us for help. . . . M. Venizelos was still in power, and it was at his instance that we undertook to provide a force for the purpose of enabling Greece to fulfil her treaty obligations to Serbia. It was in compliance with that two-fold appeal that we sent such troops as were available to Salonika. . . . At the same time, a larger force was prepared for service in South-Eastern Europe, and transport was taken up for the purpose of conveying it. . . . The small force which was sent to Salonika—I think, 13,000 in round numbers—was regarded as the precursor of a large force which was put under orders at the same time."

DEFENDING SERBIA'S EXISTENCE: MEN OF A HEROIC PEASANT ARMY.

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FIGHTING FOR THEIR COUNTRY'S VERY LIFE, AND HOLDING THE PASS IN THE NEAR EAST FOR THE ALLIES: TYPICAL SERBIAN SOLDIERS.

The Serbians are making a splendid fight for national existence against the Austro-German and Bulgarian invaders, and they have long held the pass, so to speak, through which the enemy hopes to reach Constantinople and join with the Turks. The Serbian Army is composed of sturdy peasants inured through years of warfare to hardship and privation. They are men of iron, who fight magnificently on the scantiest fare, and they resemble Irishmen in their happy-go-lucky disposition. Their uniform is grey or khaki, with a service cap like a tailless Glengarry, worn at a jaunty angle; and laced boots without heels like moccasins. The Serbian Premier, M. Pashitch, said in his recent appeal to this country: "Serbia is making superhuman efforts to defend her existence, in response to the advice and the desire of her great Ally. . . . For twenty days our common enemies have tried to annihilate us. In spite of the heroism of our soldiers, our resistance cannot be expected to be maintained indefinitely."

REMARKABLE BATTLEFIELD PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE NEAR

PHOTOGRAPHS BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

1. SERBIANS RESISTING THE INVADER NEAR BELGRADE: A FIRST-LINE TRENCH (ON THE RIDGE OF THE HILL IN THE FOREGROUND).

3. THE SERBIAN FIRING-LINE: MEN OF THE FIRST LINE IN ACTION, SUPPORTED BY MACHINE-GUNS—ON THE LEFT AN OFFICER CALLING UP THE SECOND LINE.

These remarkably vivid photographs showing Serbian troops in action during recent fighting were taken near Belgrade. It may be recalled that the evacuation of their capital by the Serbians was announced in the following official *communiqué* from Nish on October 12: "Our troops have abandoned the defence of Belgrade and have retired on the first advanced positions adjoining the city, in order to prevent the enemy from continuing to bombard the town with heavy guns. . . . During the night of October 7 and 8 . . . in the direction of Belgrade the enemy opened an extremely violent fire along the whole front. . . . During the fighting before Belgrade on the 8th our artillery sank an enemy gunboat." Since that time the Serbian troops have continued to offer a most stubborn resistance to the Austro-German invaders, as to the Bulgarians on another part of their front. In an official Serbian *communiqué*

EAST: SERBIAN TROOPS IN ACTION NEAR BELGRADE.

IN SERBIA, MR. DONALD C. THOMPSON.

2. SERBIAN INFANTRY UNDER FIRE: A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING BATTLE—SHOWING A MAN FALLING AND SERBIAN RED CROSS MEN PICKING UP WOUNDED.

4. MEN WHO ARE MAKING SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS TO DEFEND THEIR NATIONAL EXISTENCE: SERBIAN TROOPS ADVANCING TO POSITION NEAR BELGRADE.

published in London on November 1, it was stated that, during the few days preceding that date, "the troops who had been defending Belgrade repulsed all hostile attacks." That the Serbians were hard-pressed, however, despite their splendid stand against superior numbers, was evident from the appeal recently made to this country by the Serbian Premier, M. Pashitch. "Serbia," he said in his telegram, "is making superhuman efforts to defend her existence, in response to the advice and the desire of her great Ally. For this she is condemned to death by the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians. For twenty days our common enemies have tried to annihilate us. In spite of the heroism of our soldiers, our resistance cannot be expected to be maintained indefinitely." Notwithstanding the severity of the struggle, the Serbians have not lost heart, and recent reports state that the *moral* and spirit of the troops remain excellent.

SERBIA IN THE DAY OF BATTLE: A REMARKABLE

PHOTOGRAPH BY DONALD C. THOMPSON.

THE SERBIAN FIRST LINE ADVANCING—MEN PRESSING ON; SOME FALLING; SOME FALLEN:

The Serbian soldier is fighting, as everyone who knew him expected him to fight, magnificently. King Peter's army, as a correspondent of the "Times" had it recently, is a peasant army. "The Serbian soldier . . . has become inured to a life of extreme privation; and in the fighting of last winter it was his toughness and ability to stand hardship which more than anything else gave him advantage over the Austrians. . . . Only men of iron, to whom semi-starvation had become almost the normal condition of their existence, could have done what the Serbians did then. . . . The Serbian's laughter-loving disposition has remained unspoiled. . . . At the smallest excuse 'Dobra' follows. Everything is 'good.' . . . You

PHOTOGRAPH OF OUR BALKAN ALLY IN THE FIELD.

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SERBIA.

INFANTRY OF KING PETER'S SPLENDID ARMY FIGHTING FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

"tell the unwounded man that the Germans are coming, outnumbering the Serbian armies by three to one, to wipe Serbia and the Serbians off the map, and he laughs a care-free laugh, and his eyes twinkle as he tells you 'Dobra.' . . . It is impossible to think of the Serbian man exc pt as a soldier; and that is the chief weakness of Serbia's military position to-day. She has no reserves. Her entire fighting strength, almost her manhood strength, is already in the ranks. Only in Nish, in connection with the Government offices, does one see any number of males of military age who are not in uniform, grey or khaki."

The Balkan Puzzle: Roumania and the Allies.

BY DR. E. J. DILLON.

ROUMANIA as a factor in international politics accessible to legitimate influences can hardly be said to exist. There is, indeed, a body of healthy opinion and sentiment there which is that of a large section of the articulate nation, led by Take Jonescu and Filipescu; but, banished to the pages of certain Press organs, it is devoid of influence on the attitude of the Government. Roumania, like Bulgaria, has many voices, but only one will, illumined by a single average brain, which belongs to the Premier, Bratianu. That statesman, like the steward of the Gospel, seems resolved, come what may, to lose none of the talents confided to his care. Others may risk theirs in the hope of increasing the amount, but he will run no dangers. The route over which he will navigate the ship of State must be absolutely free from shoals and rocks, and the weather uninterruptedly calm. With a leader of these ideas it seems wasteful to have recourse to argument or suasion.

Roumania's interest, were that a determining factor of her policy, points clearly enough in the direction to be taken. Some four million Roumanians vegetate and languish in Hungary, where every expedient, legal and illegal, has been systematically employed to choke out their national sentiment. And seven millions all told are expected to be incorporated after the war. Hungary is now too hard pressed by the Entente Powers to keep a tight grasp on Transylvania, one of the unredeemed Roumanian provinces—and the Bucharest Government might have annexed the territory long ago. The favourite moment for the move was when Russia's armies occupied the Carpathian passes and looked down threateningly on the plains of Hungary. Roumania's troops, had they then been mobilised and led into the promised land, would have formed the left wing of the Russian Army and ensured victory to both. But M. Bratianu spent his efforts just then in haggling with Russia, Serbia, and the Western Allies over future claims and aspirations, and as the two Slav States felt sure of a sweeping victory, and eager to keep the lion's share of the spoils to themselves, the dispute waxed hot, and M. Bratianu decided to watch and wait.

His foreign friends and acquaintances, and some of his fellow-countrymen, were shocked by this indifference to the lapse of a rare national opportunity. Their surprise was all the more natural that his colleagues and himself had many times declared that Roumania was in sympathy with the Allies, and would lend a hand in the combined effort to assert the rights of the lesser nations once the army was prepared.

The second phase of this shilly-shallying movement was linked to Italy's policy. "We too are Latins, chips of the genial old block," exclaimed Roumanians of mark and influence; "and we will keep abreast of our sister Italy. When she unsheaths the sword she will find Roumania by her side." This promise was uttered by many voices in various keys to foreigners of note—Ministers and others. And Italy treasured up the assurance with pleasure. But Italy's declaration of war against Austria found Roumania preoccupied and pacific. The reasons which actuated M. Bratianu—for he is the Cabinet and Roumania—were many and convincing. The country was indeed prepared, but the situation was no longer auspicious. Russia had been driven from the Carpathians, from Galicia and Bukovina; and if Roumania were to take up arms under those conditions her territory might be overrun by Bulgars, Austrians, Magyars, and Greeks. Besides, she had had no encouragement from the two Slav belligerents.

Russia and Serbia at last gave way, it is alleged, and acquiesced in Roumania's demands in the Banat and Bukovina. But M. Bratianu could only take cognisance of the tardy concession and bide his time. So long as Russia remained on the wrong side of Bukovina, he argued, nothing could be attempted by the Roumanians, who need the support of the Tsar's armies on their right.

The late King Carol was a Hohenzollern, but a straightforward, loyal man. Dealing with him, one knew exactly what to expect. What he said he meant, and what he promised he fulfilled. Like Ferdinand of Coburg, he too struck up an agreement with Austria, which was renewed shortly before his death. And he told me that so long as he continued to reign his policy towards the Central Empires would undergo no change. About King Carol there was no indecision, no shuffling, no prevarication. Only to *force majeure* would he yield.

On the outbreak of war his people refused to follow him in a campaign against Russia, Britain, and France, for reasons analogous to those which Italy alleged. And he had to resign himself to the inevitable. But he told me that, come what might, he would never retrocede to Bulgaria the strip of the Dobrudja annexed after the Balkan Wars. Neither did he ever relinquish his hope of getting back Bessarabia from Russia. He regarded the extension of Russia's dominions on the Black Sea as a danger to Roumania, and for that, among other reasons, he ardently desired the victory of the Central Empires. But he misled no one. King Carol was a whole man with a rounded plan of action and a firm will to realise it. So long as he stood for Roumania one knew what to expect from that State.

Roumania demands and expects at the close of this war an addition of territory which will bring her no fewer than seven million new subjects. And M. Bratianu hopes it will drop into her lap without an effort on her part, as a result of certain magic formulas uttered by himself. His policy during the present world-crisis is that of a self-complacent simplicist. Roumania must keep on neighbourly terms with all belligerents, assuring each of her friendly neutrality.

M. Bratianu's plan would have been satisfactory if the statesmen he was dealing with were also simplicists like himself, but of an altruistic type. As things are, Roumania—or say, rather, M. Bratianu—will persevere in the present attitude of Buddhistic quiescence until driven out of it by a violent shock. For the Premier is as much the master of the internal situation as was Giolotti in Italy and Ferdinand in Bulgaria. The Parliament—his own creature—is at his beck and call. The one Roumanian public man who is also one of the very few European statesmen of to-day—Take Jonescu—is relegated to the inactivity of unofficial life. Yet it was he who foresaw most clearly and endeavoured most strenuously to prevent the world-catastrophe of 1914. And he it is who could pilot the Roumanian State ship through the tempestuous seas of the present crisis. At the Conference of Bucharest, Take Jonescu, with whom I then spent most of my days, foretold Bulgaria's rancour, and moved every lever to induce Greece and Serbia to moderate their demands. And when King Constantine refused to give up Cavalla, M. Jonescu declared that the Treaty of Bucharest would not keep Eastern Europe in peace for longer than twelve or eighteen months. If that statesman had been at the head of Roumania in August 1914, the progress of the war would have run on very different lines.

LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN ROUMANIA, AND EX-MINISTER OF WAR: M. NICU FILIPESCU.

"There is, indeed" (to quote Dr. Dillon's article on this page) "a body of healthy opinion and sentiment there [*i.e.*, in Roumania] which is that of a large section of the articulate nation, led by Take Jonescu and Filipescu; but, banished to the pages of certain Press organs, it is devoid of influence on the attitude of the Government." Both these statesmen favour the cause of the Allies.—[*Photograph by Fotoglob.*]

"HE IS THE CABINET AND ROUMANIA": M. T. T. C. BRATIANU, ROUMANIAN PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND MINISTER OF WAR.

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THE BALKAN PUZZLE: ROUMANIA—DEMONSTRATIONS, AND ROYALTY.

ALL THREE IN UNIFORM: KING FERDINAND OF ROUMANIA, QUEEN MARIE, AND THEIR SECOND SON, PRINCE NICHOLAS.

ON HIS CHARGER: PRINCE NICHOLAS, SECOND SON OF THE KING.

AN EVENT OF ALMOST DAILY OCCURRENCE: A DEMONSTRATION IN BUCHAREST, THE ROUMANIAN CAPITAL, IN FAVOUR OF ENTERING THE WAR ON THE SIDE OF THE ENTENTE POWERS.

ON HER CHARGER: QUEEN MARIE OF ROUMANIA, DAUGHTER OF THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA.

WHEN FLOWERS WERE THROWN FROM THE BALCONIES: ROUMANIANS AND ITALIANS AT A PRO-ENTENTE-POWERS DEMONSTRATION BEFORE THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST.

At the moment of writing, interest in Roumania's attitude with regard to the Entente Powers, on the one hand, and the Central Powers on the other, is at a considerable height. Opinions on the subject have necessarily varied very much. Dr. E. J. Dillon writes of Roumania on the opposite page. Here we may quote a line or two from Mr. Garvin, dealing with the Balkan question, in the "Observer" of the other day: "To win Roumania would settle everything in favour of the Allies. It is said, although not officially confirmed, that bold steps are at last being taken at Bucharest. Roumania's claims would be satisfied to the fullest extent. She would get Bessarabia, the Bukovina, the whole of Transylvania, and enough of the Banat to make her future frontier march for a long distance with that of Greater Serbia. With these extensions and the economic facilities which the Allies would also ensure, Greater Roumania would become a kingdom of nearly fourteen million people, and would stand at the very head of the secondary Powers in Europe." King Ferdinand succeeded his uncle, the late King Charles. In 1893 he married Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH NURSE "EXECUTED" BY THE GER

DRAWN BY S. BEGG, OUR

"WE GIVE THEE HEARTY THANKS, FOR THAT IT HATH PLEASED THEE TO DE

The simple dignity of the Memorial Service held in St. Paul's on October 29, for Miss Edith Cavell, the brave nurse who was sentenced to death in Brussels by German court-martial, and "executed" on October 12, was, before all else, a great tribute paid by woman to heroic womanhood. The Cathedral was crowded some hours before the service commenced, Queen Alexandra, who is so much in sympathy with the work of nursing as carried out by women, being, as it were, at the head of the great gathering of mourners. The King and Queen were represented by Mr. E. W. Wallington, Groom-in-Waiting to the King and Private Secretary to the Queen; and the Prime Minister and many other notable personages were present. Nurses without number paid the last tribute to one of the bravest members of their merciful calling.

ERMANS IN BRUSSELS: THE EDITH CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE.

OUR SPECIAL ARTIST AT ST. PAUL'S.

DELIVER THY SERVANT, EDITH, OUT OF THE MISERIES OF THIS SINFUL WORLD."

The service began with the hymn "Abide with Me." The special prayer read: "Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give Thee hea thanks, for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver Thy servant, Edith, out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thine eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord."—[*Drawing Copyrighted in the United States and Canada.*]

SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY.

REPUTED AUTHOR OF FIVE HUNDRED WORKS: GEBER, THE ARABIAN ALCHEMIST.

PUNISHING THE REBELS: THE EGYPTIANS' BOOKS ON CHEMISTRY BURNT BY ORDER OF DIOCLETIAN.

AUTHOR OF AN ENCYCLOPÆDIC TREATISE ON MEDICINE: RHAZES, THE ARABIAN PHYSICIAN.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

FROM AIRCRAFT TO EARTH.

NO one needs to be told at this time of day of the immense importance that aircraft have assumed in war. Apart from such side exhibitions of their activity as the bombardment from the air of fortified—and unfortified—places, they have entirely revolutionised the science of tactics by the efficiency with which they have discharged the duties of reconnaissance, scouting, and the observation of artillery fire. Curiously enough, too, their employment in these duties is almost the only novelty in the art of war which has ever led to the lessening of the drain on human life it involves. It is no longer necessary, as it once was, to send forward a mixed column of all arms against a position with the intention, not of capturing it, but of ascertaining if it were strongly held. Nor is it now necessary to maintain the "screen" of cavalry of which we used to hear so much, which was to sweep through the enemy's country ahead of the main body, and constantly to detach horsemen to gallop back with news of the strength and disposition of the opposing forces. All these duties are now far better discharged by aircraft, which can hover or rush over the points to be observed, and transmit the information gained to their own side by mechanical means with hardly any risk to life or limb. As for artillery fire, we all now know that the range and target can be picked up by the well-concealed gunners from the signals sent them by aircraft with hardly any chance of damage to themselves except in the event of the enemy's guns finding them out. Only one or two men are exposed in each flying-machine instead of the hundreds and thousands often intentionally sacrificed under the old system; and so far aviation has done something to diminish the waste of war.

Step by step with their increase of value in war, however, the importance of a speedy and certain means of communication between aircraft and the earth has become more insistent. One is inclined to smile when one thinks that, when aircraft were first used for military purposes, the General despatching them had to wait for their return to earth before receiving the information they had collected. Then came the device employed up to a year ago of the aeronaut casting overboard despatches attached to a weight and bearing a written entreaty to the finder to send them to headquarters without delay. All such cumbrous methods have long since been abandoned, and the observer, whether in air-ship or aeroplane, communicates with his General directly and immediately by means of the Hertzian waves. Nearly every war-plane, with the exception of the very swift and small monoplanes intended for special services, is nowadays equipped with apparatus for wireless telegraphy; while Zeppelins and other air-ships have similar installations on a scale as elaborate as any used on *terra firma*. The different means adopted for receiving and recording the messages thus sent have been enormously improved since the war began, and it is hoped shortly to describe some of them in this column. Yet such improvements have by no means reached their climax. Wireless telephony has kept pace with the sister art of telegraphy, and may before long entirely supersede it for military purposes. At the time of writing, the news has just arrived that telephonic messages from America have been received at the Eiffel Tower; and the length of range, the security against "jamming," or the sending of confusing messages by the enemy, and the speed and security of this means of communication, will doubtless result in its being adopted for war if found practicable.

The giving of written or verbal reports, also, is not the only service which we now demand of our military aviators. Photography of the scenes passed over by aircraft has been employed ever since Nadar first showed, in 1858, its use in war. Exactly fifty years later, Wilbur Wright took the first photograph ever taken in a biplane, above the camp at Auvours, and since then the improvements have been rapid. The capture of a Zeppelin at Radonvillers in August of last year put at the disposal of our sharp-witted French Allies the photographic apparatus employed by the enemy, the main feature of which was the comparatively short focus of the camera. Since then they have perfected their system, and have even found means of overcoming the effect of the vibration caused by the motor. These cannot yet be made public, but it may be said that in light winds they make photography on captive balloons of great use, and that even in gales they make a kite available for the same purpose. In both these cases also no risk of life whatever is involved, as by the use of an automatic release the camera works without an operator.

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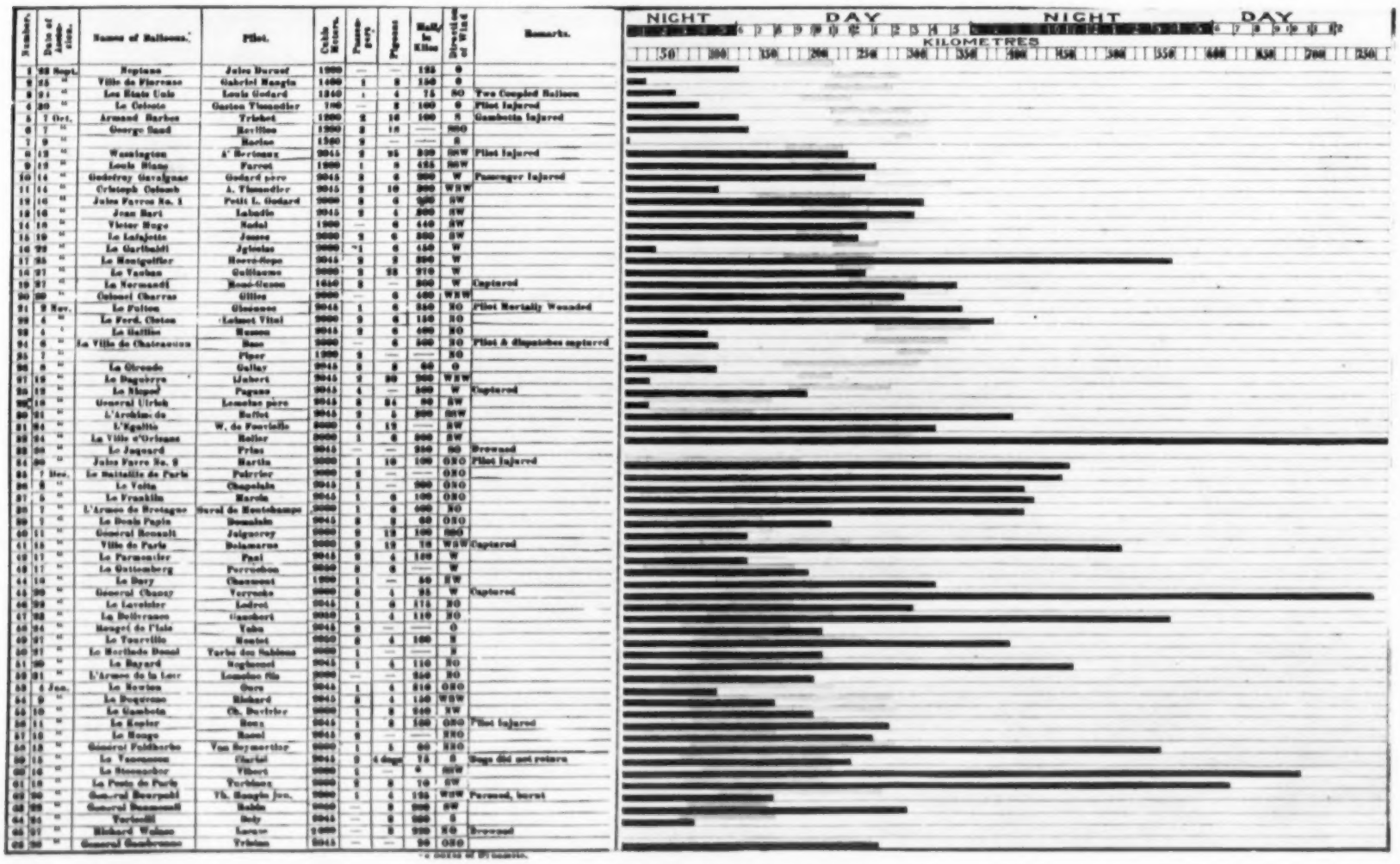

Number.	Date of Ascension.	Names of Balloons.	Pilot.	Cubic Mètres.	Passengers.	Pigeons.	Mails, Kilos.	Direction of Wind.	Remarks.
1	23 Sept.	Neptune	Jules Duruof	1200	—	—	125	O	
2	25 "	Ville de Florence	Gabriel Mangin	1400	1	8	150	O	
3	24 "	Les États Unis	Louis Godard	1340	1	4	75	SO	Two Coupled Balloon
4	30 "	Le Céleste	Gaston Tissandier	740	—	2	100	O	Pilot Injured
5	7 Oct.	Armand Barbès	Trichet	1200	2	10	100	S	Gambetta Injured
6	7 "	George Sand	Revillon	1200	2	10	—	SSO	
7	9 "		Mocton	1500	2	—	—	S	
8	12 "	Washington	A. Berteaux	2045	2	95	320	SSW	Pilot Injured
9	13 "	Louis Blanc	Farcot	1200	1	8	425	SSW	
10	14 "	Godefroy Cavaignac	Godard père	2045	2	6	200	W	Passenger Injured
11	14 "	Cristoph Colomb	A. Tissandier	2045	2	10	300	WSW	
12	16 "	Jules Favre No. 1	Petit L. Godard	2000	2	6	320	SW	
13	16 "	Jean Bart	Lahadie	2045	2	4	300	SW	
14	16 "	Victor Hugo	Nadal	1200	—	6	440	SW	
15	19 "	La Lafayette	Jaccoz	2000	2	6	300	SW	
16	22 "	La Garibaldi	Iglesias	2000	1	6	150	W	
17	25 "	Le Montgolfier	Roux-Spitz	2045	2	2	200	W	
18	27 "	Le Vauban	Guillaume	2000	2	25	210	W	
19	27 "	Le Normandie	Roussel-Gosson	1640	2	—	300	W	Captured
20	28 "	Colonel Charras	Gillet	2000	—	6	400	WSW	
21	2 Nov.	Le Fulton	Gossonne	2045	1	6	240	SO	Pilot Mortally Wounded
22	4 "	Le Ford. Cloton	Lehaut Vitel	2000	2	6	150	SO	
23	4 "	Le Daffilis	Humon	2045	2	6	400	SO	
24	6 "	La Ville de Châteaudun	Deno	2000	—	6	500	SO	Pilot & dispatches captured
25	7 "		Piper	1200	2	—	—	SO	
26	8 "	La Gironde	Galliot	2045	2	8	66	O	
27	15 "	Le Bugeaud	Ulmert	2045	2	20	200	WSW	
28	15 "	Le Rhône	Pagnon	2045	4	—	500	W	Captured
29	19 "	General Uhrich	Lemoine père	2045	2	24	90	SW	
30	21 "	L'Archimède	Duffot	2045	2	5	200	NW	
31	24 "	L'Égalité	W. de Fonvielle	2000	4	12	—	SW	
32	24 "	La Ville d'Orléans	Roller	2000	1	6	200	SW	
33	28 "	Le Jacquard	Prince	2045	—	—	250	SO	Drowned
34	30 "	Jules Favre No. 2	Martin	2000	1	10	100	OSO	Pilot Injured
35	7 Dec.	Le Satellite de Paris	Poirier	2000	2	—	—	OSO	
36	8 "	Le Volta	Chapelain	2045	1	—	200	OSO	
37	8 "	Le Franklin	Maridet	2045	1	6	100	OSO	
38	7 "	L'Armée de Bretagne	Coral de Montchampe	2000	1	6	400	SO	
39	7 "	Le Denis Papin	Dumulon	2045	2	2	60	OSO	
40	11 "	General Renault	Jaignerey	2000	2	12	100	SSO	
41	15 "	Ville de Paris	Delamarre	2000	2	12	18	WSW	Captured
42	17 "	Le Parmentier	Prat	2045	2	4	120	W	
43	17 "	Le Gutenberg	Ferrandon	2000	2	6	—	W	
44	18 "	Le Dorr	Chaumont	1200	1	—	60	SW	
45	20 "	General Chanzy	Yerrouke	2000	2	4	95	W	Captured
46	22 "	Le Lavoisier	Ledrot	2045	1	6	115	SO	
47	22 "	La Bellevaux	Gambert	2000	1	4	110	SO	
48	24 "	Général de l'Isle	Yahn	2045	2	—	—	O	
49	27 "	Le Tourville	Mantet	2000	2	4	100	S	
50	27 "	Le Horthede Donal	Yarbe des Sablons	2000	1	—	—	S	
51	30 "	Le Bayard	Roghenet	2045	1	4	110	SO	
52	31 "	L'Armée de la Loire	Lemoine fils	2000	—	—	250	SO	
53	4 Jan.	Le Newton	Orre	2045	1	4	210	OSO	
54	9 "	La Bourgogne	Richard	2045	2	4	150	WSW	
55	10 "	Le Gambetta	Ch. Duruof	2000	1	2	240	NW	
56	11 "	Le Kepler	Roux	2045	1	2	100	OSO	Pilot Injured
57	13 "	Le Hoche	Rossel	2045	2	—	—	SSO	
58	13 "	General Faidherbe	Van Roymerbeg	2000	1	1	60	SSO	
59	15 "	Le Vauban	Cloriel	2045	2	4 dogs	75	S	Dogs did not return
60	16 "	Le Stanislas	Vibert	2000	1	—	4	SSW	
61	18 "	La Poste de Paris	Turbiaux	2000	2	2	70	SW	
62	20 "	General Bourbaki	Th. Mangin fils	2000	1	4	155	WSW	Pressed, burst
63	22 "	General Daumesnil	Rabin	2000	—	2	200	SW	
64	25 "	Torricelli	Daly	2045	—	2	200	S	
65	27 "	Richard Wallace	Lacaze	2000	—	2	220	NO	Drowned
66	30 "	General Chanzy	Trélan	2045	—	—	90	OSO	

* 6 hours of 20 minutes.

HOW BALLOONS WERE USED TO KEEP UP COMMUNICATION BETWEEN INVESTED PARIS AND THE OUTER WORLD DURING THE FRANCO-GERMAN WAR OF 1870-71:

A TABLE AND CHART SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ASCENSIONS AND THE RESULTS.

As the very interesting chart given above shows, sixty-six balloons were sent up from the invested city during the siege of Paris by the Germans, from September 23, 1870, to January 28, 1871. Chiefly, they ascended for carrying mails and despatches, for which work they were found valuable. In all, the balloons carried 164 passengers, 381 carrier pigeons, 5 dogs (for experimental purposes), and 10,075 packages of postal matter. The table and chart form a detailed list of the ascents and show the distance travelled in each case. The black lines on the chart represent distance covered; the grey lines above the black lines, the duration of voyage.

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CONTAINING SEVEN EX-PREMIERS: THE NEW BRIAND CABINET, OF FRANCE.

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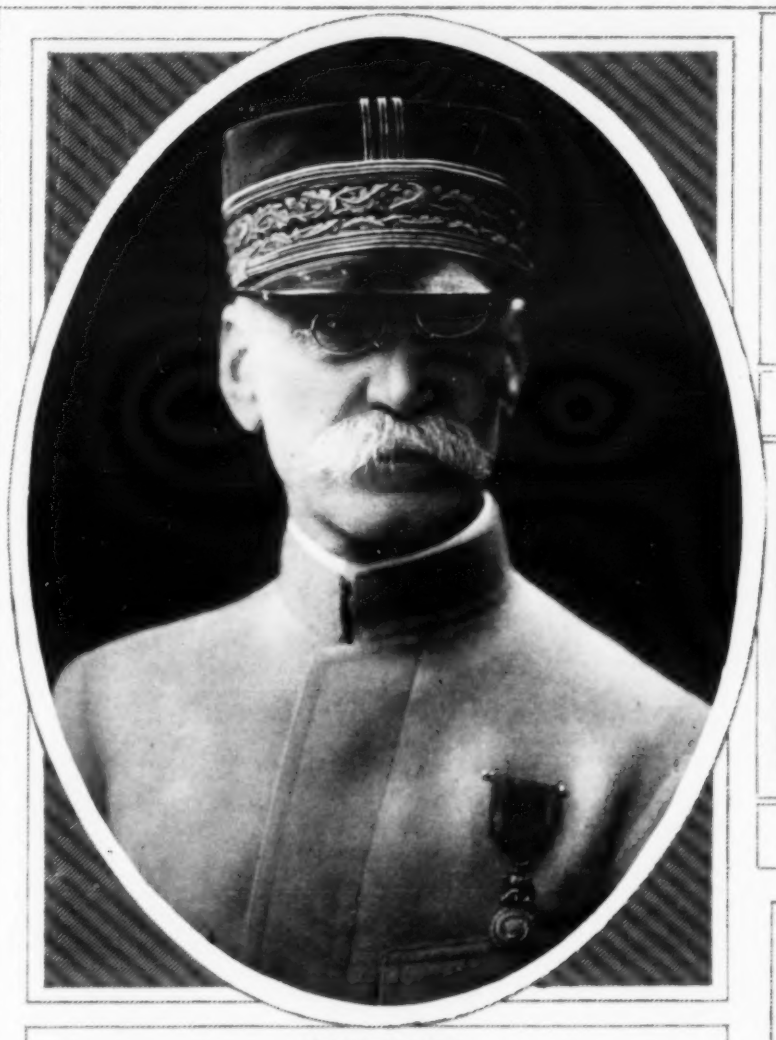

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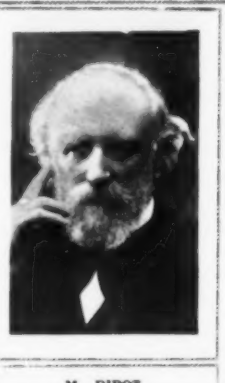

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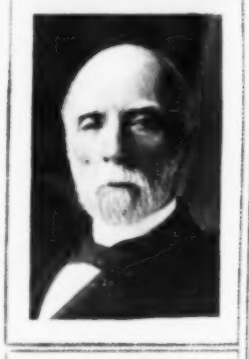

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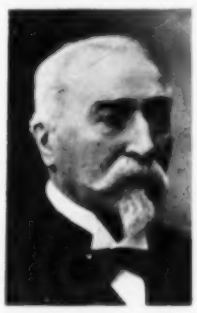

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The new French Cabinet includes, in addition to those gentlemen whose portraits we give, Rear-Admiral Lacaze (Marine) and M. Malvy (Interior), whose portraits are not obtainable at the moment. As a whole, it consists of three Independent Socialists, MM. Briand, Viviani, and Painlevé; three Collective Socialists, MM. Jules Guesde, Marcel Sembat, and Albert Thomas; six Radicals and Socialist-Radicals, MM. Bourgeois, Combes, Doumergue, Clémentel, Malvy, and Métin; two Moderate Republicans, MM. Ribot and De Freycinet; one member of the Right, M. Denys Cochin, and one Progressist, M. Méline. Having formed the Cabinet, M. Briand wired to Sir Edward Grey: ". . . I desire to declare that the Government of the Republic intends to pursue, in the same spirit of close and active co-operation, the policy which has so happily bound France and Great Britain from the beginning of the struggle which they are carrying on in common." The Cabinet is remarkable not only as one of all the talents, but in that there are included in it no fewer than seven ex-Premiers of France: MM. Briand, Viviani, De Freycinet, Ribot, Méline, Bourgeois, and Combes. M. de Freycinet has been Premier seven times. It may be added that General Gallieni is the distinguished Military Governor of Paris. M. Painlevé is also Minister for Inventions affecting National Defence.

"MY ARMIES ARE VERY PROUD TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE

PHOTOGRAPHS

THE KING AT A REVIEW OF A FAMOUS FRENCH CORPS: HIS MAJESTY (WITH PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

THE King's presence in France was first made known in London on October 25, by the issue of the following official announcement: "The King is in France, where he has gone to visit his Army. His Majesty also hopes to see some of the Allied troops." The King is understood to have intended to return to England on October 29, but on the day before, just after concluding his second review for that day, at which troops of the First Army were inspected by his Majesty, he met with his unfortunate accident. His charger reared twice, falling the second time and bringing him down, with the result that he was very severely bruised. Happily, his Majesty escaped more serious injuries. The King, as a fact, had been for four days in France before the official notification of his having crossed the Channel first appeared in the papers. He landed in France on October 21, and, in company with Sir John French, who met him on landing, first made a three-days' tour of the principal bases, stores and munitions depôts, and convalescent hospitals of the British Expeditionary Force. After that his Majesty proceeded to the front and, with the Prince of Wales, met President Poincaré and M. Millerand, then French Minister of War, in the operations-area of the British Third Army. In company with the French President and War

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WHILE THE KING WAS VISITING THE TROOPS OF OUR ALLY, FRANCE: HIS MAJESTY, WITH GENERAL HAVE DISTINGUISHED

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the Canadian brigades. On Thursday (the 28th) his Majesty was reviewing part of the First Army when he met with his accident. In the upper illustration the King is seen at the march-past of the French troops. On the further side of his Majesty, with part of his cap showing, is President Poincaré. A few steps in rear is General Joffre (with his face turned towards the camera) talking to two other officers. In the lower illustration King George and General Joffre are together, towards the centre of the picture. President Poincaré is seen

AND TO HAVE YOU AS COMRADES": THE KING IN FRANCE.

BY S. D'A.

AND GENERAL JOFFRE) AT A MARCH-PAST OF COLONIAL INFANTRY—IN THE NEW STEEL HELMETS.

JOFFRE, AT THE DECORATION, BY PRESIDENT POINCARÉ, OF OFFICERS AND MEN WHO THEMSELVES IN ACTION.

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Minister, he inspected certain regiments of one of the British army corps holding the front in that sector of the field. A second inspection of another portion of the command was held on the same day, at which President Poincaré conferred the Legion of Honour on Generals Plumer, Macready, and Maxwell, and several other British officers, and also decorated the Prince of Wales with the French War Cross—the Croix de Guerre. A great part of the following day the King spent with the French Army. Together with M. Poincaré, M. Millerand, and General Joffre, he reviewed one of the French army corps, the spectacle of the march-past of battalion after battalion in war-grey and helmeted, and the men all in the highest state of battle-efficiency, being a marvellously impressive one. In the afternoon the King visited one of the French observation-stations, and in addition saw certain batteries of the "Soixante-quinzes" in action. October 27 the King passed in visiting the Second British Army zone. There he reviewed representative brigades from two of the army corps, inspected Royal Flying Corps squadrons, and inspected one of the Flying Corps camps, and also batteries of the British heavy artillery now greatly in evidence in the front line, as well as one of

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on the right, in the act of decorating one of the line of selected recipients of the honour. It may be added that one of the most appreciated acts of the King in France was his Majesty's "Félicitation" to the French Army, issued by General Joffre as an "Order of the Day," in which his Majesty said: "My armies are very proud to fight by your side and to have you as comrades. May the bonds which unite us hold firm and the two countries remain thus united for ever."

CRATERS; AND CAPTIVES: GREAT "EXCAVATIONS" MADE

PHOTOGRAPHS 1 AND 3 BY ILLUSTRATIONS BUREAU; 2, 4, AND 5 BY THE OFFICIAL

GERMAN PRISONERS MAKING A CAMP FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FELLOWS: THE CONSTRUCTION OF "CAMP JOFFRE"

WITH A MAN STANDING IN IT, TO SHOW ITS ENORMOUS EXTENT: THE

WITH A DEAD SOLDIER IN A SITTING POSTURE AND ANOTHER STRETCHED OUT: IN A MINE-CRATER AT SOUAIN.

In the first and third illustrations are seen two of the ways in which our Allies are turning to practical account the German prisoners in France, and making them work. In the one German prisoners are being employed in preparing a camp, known as "Camp Joffre," stated to be "one of a number of fresh camps constantly necessary in view of the number of prisoners daily surrendering." In the other, German prisoners have been set to clean up a French "Soixante-quinze"—a grim piece of irony, in its way, on the part of the camp-commandant. The other illustrations show parts of the interiors of craters caused by mines exploded by the French underneath German trenches at Perthes and Souain. The photographs

BY EXPLODED FRENCH MINES; AND WORKING PRISONERS.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION OF THE FRENCH ARMY, SUPPLIED BY SPORT AND GENERAL.

CRATER FORMED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A FRENCH MINE BEFORE PERTHES.

HANDLING ONE OF THEIR CAPTORS' MOST FAMOUS WEAPONS: GERMAN PRISONERS EMPLOYED TO CLEAN A FRENCH "75" GUN.

WITH DEAD CLUSTERED ABOUT THE SAND-BAGGED ENTRANCE OF A SHELTER: IN A MINE-CRATER AT SOUAIN.

were taken in each case very shortly after the blowing-up, as is evidenced by the dead bodies and *débris* still seen lying about. The resemblance to a volcanic crater with its deep, hollow, cup-shaped excavation and steeply sloping edges and sides, is noticeable in all three. In all three also the dark, fosse-like cavities mark where the dug-outs and shelter-pits of the German trench existed, the last illustration showing, also, a partly filled-up entrance to what had apparently been an elaborately tunnelled dug-out. It was near Souain and Perthes that the French broke through the German lines when they made their great advance in Champagne. Perthes is two or three miles from Tahure.

DEAD ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR: OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION.

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A TOPICAL CURIO BOOK. A DOCTOR'S WAR NOTES.

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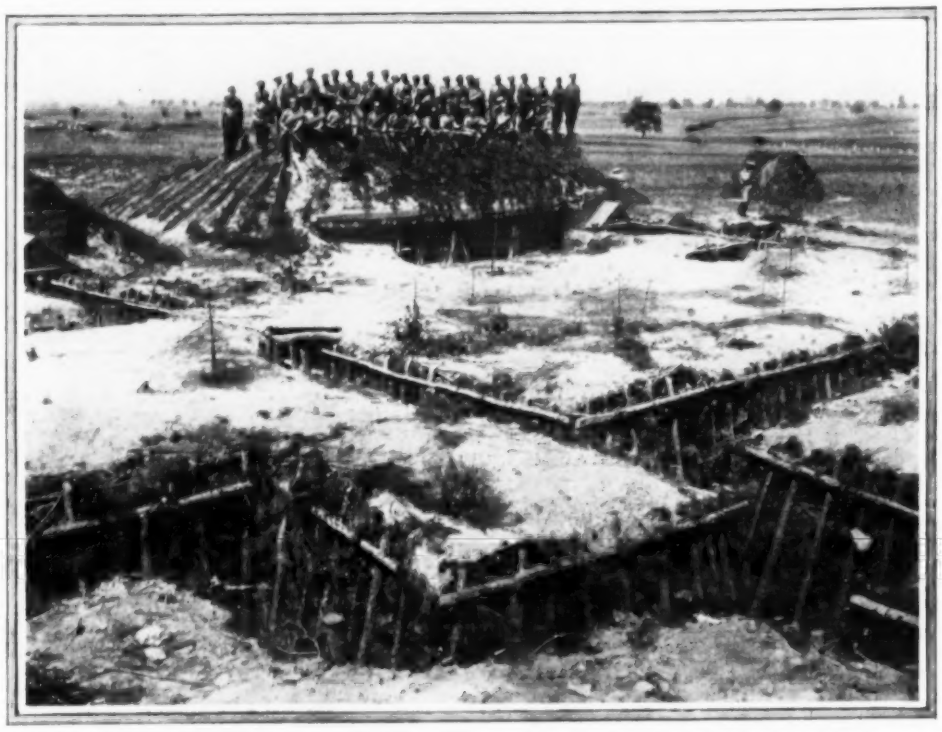
All of us have heard of Burns's "chiel amang you takin' notes," though few could say off-hand who or what sort of a fellow this was. As a matter of fact, this "fine, fat fodgel wight, of stature short but genius bright"—was an English Captain Grose who had gone up to Scotland to ransack that ancient kingdom for its military "fouth o' auld nick-nackets"; and his modern counterpart, with a certain difference, is to be found in Mr. Stanley Johnson, whose "Chats on Military Curios" (Fisher Unwin) offer us light, after-dinner reading of a most entertaining kind, quite in keeping with the all-absorbing topic of the time. Regimental nomenclature, crests, uniforms, armour, weapons, medals, decorations, medallions, prints, autographs, etc.—what could be more apropos of the newspaper narratives which now form our almost exclusive reading? And the volume's eighty illustrations are not these far more illuminating and instructive than descriptive words? In this respect our military literature has hitherto been comparatively barren. We have nothing at all to compare with Adolph von Menzel's wonderful costumes of the Prussian Army, a monumental work of which the British Museum possesses what is probably the only copy in this country. We have sadly neglected this art-historical aspect of our national life, so that battle-painters often find it very difficult to be correct in the reconstruction of our military past. And even our military historians, as Mr. Johnson says, do not always satisfy our curiosity as to things which the "man in the street" wants to know, as, for example: why do the drummers in the Guards wear *fleurs-de-lys* on their tunics? What regiments still wear black in memory of Wolfe? Why do the Northumberland Fusiliers, better known as the "Fighting Fifth," sport a red-and-white feather hackle in their busbies? How comes it that the "Black Watch," alone of Highland regiments, wear a red hackle in their bonnets? Why do the Gloucesters wear a badge on both the back and front of their caps? Why has the "flash" survived only in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers? Why does the privilege exist with the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry of wearing shirt collars with the uniform?—and so forth. Mr. Johnson asks some of those questions, while leaving it to others to answer them, which he might very well have done himself by extending his function as a military curio-collector to the ground of a military historian. But his book is a good and interesting one, all the same.



BATTLEFIELD WORK AT WHICH THE RUSSIANS ARE EXPERT: A SAMPLE OF A FIELD-FORTIFICATION NEAR RADOM.

The skill shown by the Russians in the construction of field-fortifications, as the Germans found to their cost in action with the Russian rear-guards during the retreat across Poland, is typified in the above illustration. It shows trenches near Radom, revetted with tree-trunks and branches, and a dug-out, the strength and solidity of the roof of which is testified to by the number of soldiers on it.—[*Photograph by Underwood and Underwood.*]

"A Surgeon in Khaki." Among the numerous works that have been published on the war, "A Surgeon in Khaki," by Dr. Arthur A. Martin (Edward Arnold), is certainly one of the most graphic. It gives us vivid and intimate pictures without attempts at fine writing or heroic descriptions. The very absence of "high-falutin" language makes the book all the more convincing. The author's description of the embarkation, of the arrival at Havre and later at Harfleur, and of the general muddle everywhere, is most enlightening, and very characteristic of our marvellous British methods. From Havre he was ordered to proceed to the Bay of Biscay by the transport *Turcoman*; but, as he was not allowed on board, he found another transport, the *Cestrian*, which was in an even more chaotic condition than the *Turcoman*, and got his men on board. "Over and over again," he says, "during this war one has met with instances of a want of reasoned judgment on the part of senior controlling officers." Perhaps Dr. Martin is a little too severe—some allowance must be made for the fact that he is referring to the period of the Mons retreat; but if his book loses in liberality it gains in actuality. He can give stories about the Germans which are quite as discreditable. Here is an instance: "As our ambulance was getting under way one of our R.A.M.C. corporals hove in sight marching proudly at the head of eleven fully armed German prisoners. . . . Later in the day we handed them over to the Norfolk Regiment, as it was clearly against the etiquette of war for a Field Ambulance to have prisoners of war. We hadn't a gun amongst us. . . . I don't know what the Germans thought when they found they had surrendered to an unarmed party." The story of the spy disguised as a medical officer and accompanied by a nurse who turned out to be a German waiter is most thrilling. The accommodating nature of the Gurkhas is shown by their attitude towards frozen mutton, presumably New Zealand. "I think, Sahib," said the Subadar to the anxiously inquiring British officers, "the regiment will be willing to eat the iced sheep provided one of them is always present to see the animal frozen to death." Dr. Martin's accounts of the operations on the field of battle are gruesome. He speaks in the highest terms of the devotion of the French priests and nuns. The illustrations enhance the realism of this weirdly fascinating book.

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THE PRIME MINISTER PAYS A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MISS CAVELL (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) MRS. ASQUITH, MR. ASQUITH, AND MISS VIOLET ASQUITH ARRIVING AT ST. PAUL'S FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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"BETTY," REINFORCED AT DALY'S.

That Miss Gabrielle Ray has been missed on the musical-comedy stage was evident from the enthusiasm with which her return to Daly's was welcomed last week, an enthusiasm that not even fog could depress. There is a confidence and an ease about her dancing, quite apart from its gracefulness, which help to strengthen any cast that has the advantage of her services, and the little turns and duets assigned her in the rôle of Estelle distinctly increase the attractiveness of "Betty." Another newcomer at Daly's is Mr. Lauri de Frece; his are quiefer methods than those of the comedian he replaces, Mr. W. H. Berry, but they are more in keeping with the fairy-tale atmosphere of the story. Miss Winifred Barnes's pretty singing in some new ditties—and Mr. Donald Calthrop's fervent acting help so much to maintain. For the moment Mr. G. P. Huntley is out of the bill, but Mr. Tom Walls is a good substitute.

MORE OF "MORE," AT THE AMBASSADORS'.

The temptation to add to a revue which bears the title of "More" is no doubt irresistible, and Mr. Harry Grattan has succumbed to the temptation. He gives more to Mme. Hanako and Mr. Morris Harvey and M. Morton and Mlle. Delysia, all of whom fool deliciously in a new edition of the "Japanese melodrama"; and again to Miss Iris Hoey and others in a nursing skit. The burlesque on darkest London, with its jests at the expense of our police rules, is funny enough to reconcile London to the worst troubles of our dim streets.

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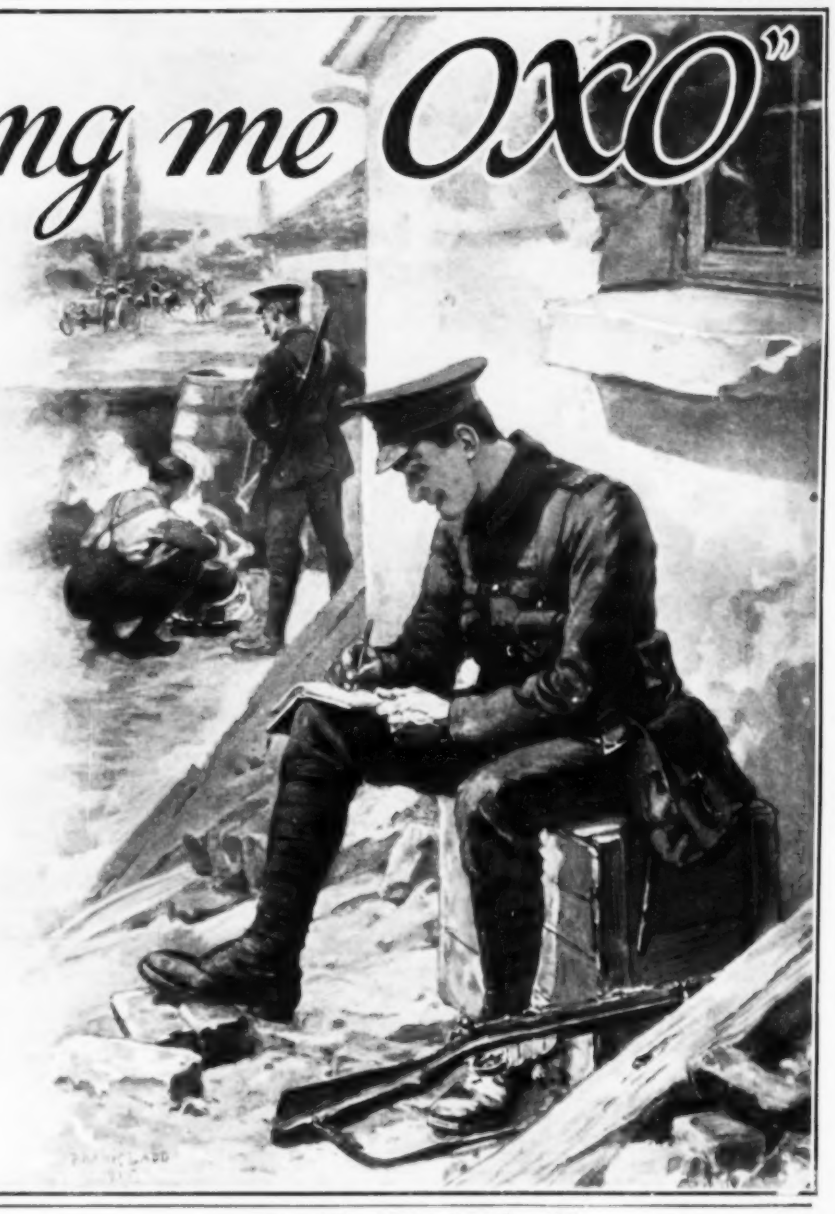

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THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ATTENDS THE CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE: MR. HERBERT SAMUEL ENTERING ST. PAUL'S.

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CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE: SIR GEORGE MARTIN, THE FAMOUS ORGANIST (ON THE LEFT), AND CANON ALEXANDER.

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"The Secret Son."

Mrs. Henry Dudeney has Mr. Thomas Hardy's predilection for making country-women unhappy. Their natural instincts lead them astray; they suffer dumbly and horribly; the frailties of the older generation are repeated in the younger. "The Secret Son" (Methuen) is a miserable, aching story, its tragedy heightened by the convincing atmosphere with which the rustic characters are surrounded. It is so good that we grudge its excellence to matter so depressing, a mood so partial. Life is far more of a patchwork than Mrs. Dudeney would have us believe; the Nancys are exceptions, not the rule; and the repetition of Nancy's tragedy twice over in Minnie and Minnie's child shows less of a sound interpretation of peasant life than of an obsession on the part of a clever writer. Where we can wholeheartedly commend Mrs. Dudeney is in her pictures of the Sussex Downs. Here, indeed, her patient reader is permitted to raise a cheerful head. For her the sweet peas bloom, the bees sing, the little tender things about the farm creep on to the fulness of life. Life is mangled and misused by the human beings; but the flowers and the birds continue their blessed cycle. We wish Mrs. Dudeney could give us the happier view of humanity and nature in harmony.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA AT THE CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE: SIR GEORGE REID LEAVING ST. PAUL'S.

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"The Mountains of the Moon."

Mr. J. D. Beresford, with a plot furnished to him, as the dedication explains, by his friend Arthur Scott Craven, appears in a new light in "The Mountains of the Moon" (Cassell). He is less concerned with physical details than heretofore, less obsessed with the painful and the ugly side of human problems. In many of his books he has dissected his characters with a ruthlessness that spared the spectator nothing of the grosser side of humanity, and to this, we must confess, we grudged so full an application of his art. "The Mountains of the Moon" exhibits a nice social puzzle, twists and spins it this way and that, and solves it by the maiden in the case—a key delightfully applied to a delightfully ingenious situation. The scenic effects of Stratton may be stagey, the golf and the bridge and the elderly aunt rather more reminiscent of Drury Lane than of the real thing; but they can be accepted as the accessories of a capital story, even if it be a story which belongs more properly to the mechanical appliances of the playwright than to the psychological processes of a realistic novelist. Left to himself, Mr. Beresford would, we fancy, have dealt otherwise with the loves of Lady Tempe and Arthur Grey; but our feeling is a sensible relief that, in this one instance, he has allowed his talent to dally in the paths of pleasant fantasy.

"The Insulted and Injured."

Again, in Mr. Heinemann's series of Dostoevsky's novels, we have the work of the great Russian admirably translated by Mrs. Garnett, and presented to the English public in an edition remarkable for its moderate cost and excellent type. "The Insulted and Injured" will make a less powerful appeal than "The House of the Dead"; but its detail is not less masterly, nor its philosophy less comprehensive. The simple, suffering heart of Russia, as Dostoevsky saw it when he was struggling to write his novels in St. Petersburg, is very tenderly laid bare in this wise and pitiful book. Human nature, insulted and injured, is still the holy thing; and a writer who loves his fellow men can describe evil without lewdness, crime without morbidity, and frailty without contempt. Prince Valkovsky, the lost soul of the story, is allowed to reveal himself, in a piece of penetrating analysis of the self-indulgent man. "You talk of the ideal, of virtue. Well, my dear fellow, I am ready to admit anything you tell me to, but what am I to do if I know for a fact that at the root of all human virtues lies the completest egoism? And the more virtuous anything is, the more egoism there is in it." The Prince's cynicism is the forerunner of the philosophy of a more recent writer—that even our most generous impulses spring from the selfish pleasure of being generous; but it is well to add that Valkovsky is balanced by other and more noble characters.

AT ST. PAUL'S FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOUR OF MISS CAVELL: LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

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"The Hope of the House."

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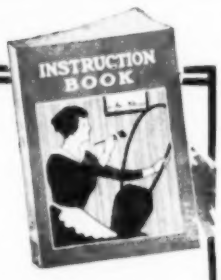

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R.A.C. Subscription. I suppose clubs may be regarded as a form of luxury, though the Royal Automobile Club is not only a social affair, but is, above all, a society of encouragement for the improvement of the motor-car, with a desire further to popularise motoring as a pastime. When this club moved from its modest house in Piccadilly to the new premises erected on the site of the old War Office in Pall Mall, the extra conveniences of the new club-house demanded an increased subscription and entrance-fee for the new members joining. With Turkish baths, swimming-baths, gymnasium, shooting-range, skittle-alley, squash-racket courts, ladies' restaurant, all added to the ordinary club-rooms, an entrance-fee of twenty-five guineas and a subscription of ten guineas for town and five guineas for country members was not a high price to pay for the use of such a luxurious palace. War, however, has taken a toll of the members, and "hard times" will probably make others query in their minds whether they use the club sufficiently to warrant the expenditure of the old annual subscription. Consequently, the Committee, feeling that it would be difficult to get new members at the old rate, and not wishing to lose others that might find that subscription too great a tax at the present time, convened a general meeting of the club on Oct. 28, which abolished the entrance-fee of twenty-five guineas and reduced the annual subscription to five guineas for town and three guineas for country members, thus making this club the best value in club subscriptions in London—or anywhere else, for that matter. This should help greatly to induce all motorists and others interested in the pastime to join this organisation of many benefits, with its road and touring arrangements as well as its social advantages.

THE AUSTRALIAN TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILWAY EXPLORATION TOUR OF A WHILE AGO A SOUVENIR-PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. ANDREW LANG'S 15-H.P. TALBOT ON A LIMESTONE-STREWN TRACK.

There have just come into the hands of the Clement Talbot Company the interesting photographs here reproduced. They were taken by Mr. Andrew Lang, a well-known Australian motorist, now attached to the Royal Flying Corps, when he was acting as driver of the 15-h.p. Talbot car commissioned by the Australian Government to carry out the Trans-Continental Railway Exploration Tour of 1910, when the Australian Continent was crossed for the first time by a motor-car. The success of the trip laid the foundations of the Talbot car's popularity in Australia. The particular photograph given above is of the car on a limestone-strewn track, of which eighty miles were traversed in three days in Northern Australia.

A HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH: THE TALBOT CAR BY A WIND-BLOWN HILL OF BRIGHT RED SAND.

Protean Motorist. War has produced the protean motorist, who drives at different times, as occasion requires, a motor-cycle, motor-car, ambulance, motor wagon or lorry at the front. These "all-round" motorists naturally see many aspects of war—more so than the average driver. One of these, writing home some little time ago, says he has had some wonderfully lucky escapes when driving a motor-ambulance as one of his many jobs, shrapnel passing through the car adding to the wounds of the wounded, yet leaving the driver unhurt. Cars in front of him have been shattered to pieces; while he has just missed huge shell-holes in the roads or tracks by seconds.

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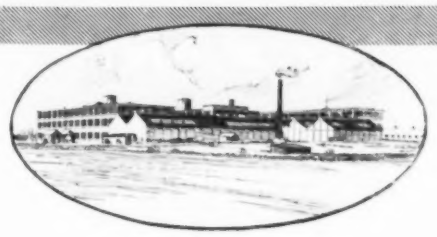

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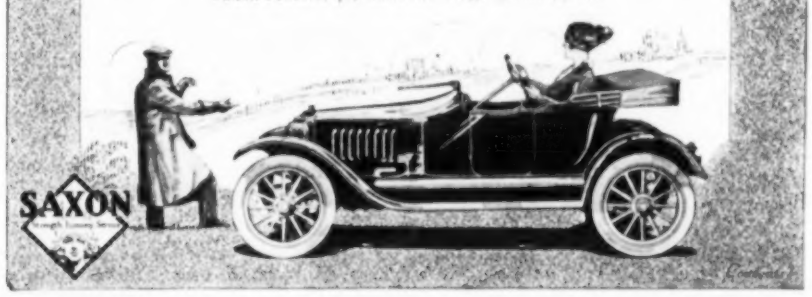

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CHESS.

To Correspondents.—*Communications for this department should be addressed to the Chess Editor, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C.*

F G Tucker (Bristol).—We are very pleased to hear from you again—old friends are, after all, the best. The problem shall appear in due course.

Y Kontaniemi (Raahe, Finland).—Your corrected position shall have our careful examination, as well as the further contributions duly to hand.

N S Augar, M.A. (Tinnevelly).—You may look for a report shortly.

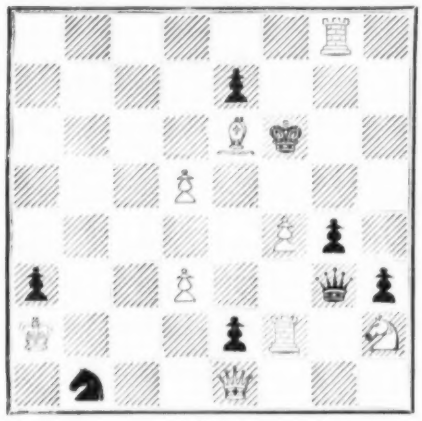
Hereward (Oxford).—Thanks for further problems, which it is scarcely necessary to say are welcome.

Solution of Problem No. 3715.—By W. A. Clark.

White	Black
1. R to Kt 5th	Any move.
2. Mates accordingly.	

PROBLEM No. 3718.—By Philip H. Williams.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in two moves.

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 3712 received from C A M (Penang), and W Yule (St. Louis, U.S.A.); of No. 3713 from H J Zoadlay (Guelph, Canada); of No. 3715 from A E Dutton (Cheltenham), A V Markwell (Cavalla, Greece), A Cortina, A Aguiar (Lisbon), C Barretto (Madrid), J B Camara (Madeira), J Isaacson (Liverpool), Juan J de Lough (Guatemala), J Campbell (Reader), and H J B Zoadlay; of No. 3716 from A Cortina (Irubita, Spain), Captain Challice (Great Yarmouth), F J Overton (Sutton Coldfield), A Perry (Dublin), Fidelitas, J Marshall Bell (Buckhaven), J Worrall (Rodmell), and J J Dennis (Gosport).

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 3717 received from Camille Genoud (Weston-super-Mare), J C Stockbridge (Torquay), F J Overton, J Fowler, A H Arthur (Bath), E E Gurney (Cambridge), J J Dennis, G F Browne (Chatham), R B Faulkner (Whitechurch), Corporal Jackson, M E Onslow (Bournemouth), W L Biggs (Oxford), A G Mullins (Lymington), G Wilkinson (Bristol), Montagu Lubbock, H S Brandreth (Weybridge), H Grasett Baldwin (Sunningdale), R Worters (Canterbury), A W Hamilton Gell (Exeter), J F G Pietersen (Kingswinford), Rev. J Christie (Redditch), Blair H Cochrane (Harting), J J Dennis, K C Durell (South Woodford), J S Forbes (Brighton), G Stillingfleet Johnson (Seaford), and J Smart.

CHESS IN AMERICA.

Game played in the Championship Tournament of the Western States Chess Association, between Messrs. Whitaker and Barkuloo.

(Vienna Game.)

White (Mr. W.)	Black (Mr. B.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. Kt to Q B 3rd	Kt to K B 3rd
3. P to B 4th	P to Q 4th
4. B P takes P	Kt takes P
5. Kt to B 3rd	B to K Kt 5th

The correct continuation is B to Q Kt 5th at once. Black only loses time over this and his next move.

6. B to K 2nd	P to Q B 4th
7. P to Q 4th	B to Kt 5th
8. B to Q 2nd	Kt to Q B 3rd
9. Castles	Castles
10. K to R sq	Q to Q 2nd
11. Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt
12. B takes B	Kt takes B

P takes Kt presents some features of interest, and would probably yield a more favourable game for Black.

White (Mr. W.)	Black (Mr. B.)
13. Kt to Kt 5th	B takes B
14. Q takes B	Q takes P

Quite fatal. P to K R 3rd is now his only chance.

15. Q to R 5th	P to K R 3rd
16. Kt takes B P	Q to Q 2nd
17. Q to Kt 6th	

Conclusive. White turns his opportunity to account in excellent style.

17.	R takes Kt
18. P to K 6th	R takes R (ch)
19. R takes R	Q to Q 4th
20. P to K 7th	Q to B 3rd
21. Q to B 7th (ch)	K to R 2nd
22. Q to B 5th (ch)	Q to Kt 3rd
23. Q takes Q (ch)	K takes Q
24. R to B 8th	Resigns.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following letter, and trust any of our readers who can spare a board and set of chess-men, or draughts, will be glad to respond to its appeal—

The Chess Editor, France, Oct. 19, 1915.

Dear Sir,—Forgive the intrusion on your valuable time. I have been out here with the R.A.M.C. for some time, and am a chess enthusiast. Unfortunately, we have not the means of playing. I brought a set out here, but lost it with personal kit during our work connected with the Great Advance of a fortnight ago. We are now resting behind the firing-line, and time is hanging heavily. Now the nights are drawing in, we sadly miss "the game." Have you any generous readers who could spare an old set? No matter how bad the condition may be, believe me, the set will be greatly welcome. Any communications addressed to: Corpl. Challenor, 63rd Field Ambulance, B.E.F., France, will be speedily acknowledged. Surely some of your readers will answer this appeal and help to brighten the lot of a few lads in France. I am, yours faithfully, A. Challenor.

"TEN DEGREES BACKWARD."

A DUAL personality writes the novels of Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, which adds, if you come to think of it, an additional charm to that lady's delightful works. The two writers are quite clearly denned. One is an adept at witty conversations and the study of minor characters from a whimsical angle, and the other has definite religious views, and would rather point a moral than stand any nonsense from the probabilities. They are both perfectly happy in "Ten Degrees Backward" (Hodder and Stoughton), where the space is divided between them to a nicety. The person of earnest religious views, whom we may consider to be Thorneycroft, is strong on the healing powers of faith, and illustrates them with striking instances of the sick miraculously restored to health in answer to Christian belief and prayer. This is very interesting, and not to be taken lightly; but it is no concern of the earnest person's lively collaborator, Ellen, whose pictures of the old nurse Ponty and the matter-of-fact Annabel are rich with humour. Only in the last chapter do we seem to find Ellen entangling herself in Thorneycroft's business, when we are asked to believe that Sir Reginald did not know his own wife when she passed herself off as her twin brother. This, we feel sure, is just one of Ellen's jokes, strayed into a Thorneycroft chapter. We enjoyed this novel immensely.

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